

UNC Transmission Workgroup Minutes
Thursday 01 July 2021
via Microsoft Teams

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1. Introduction and Status Review

Eric Fowler (EF) welcomed all parties to the meeting.

1.1. Approval of minutes (03 June 2021)

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

No late papers received.

EF invited Jen Randall (JR) to provide an update on the implementation of UNC Modification 0752S - *Introduction of Weekly Entry Capacity Auction*.

JR explained that Modification 0752S along with two other Modifications impacting the Gemini programme would be implemented under the same Release which will be approved at the DSC Change Management Committee in July. JR noted that whilst a specific date for this Release had not yet been agreed, it would approximately be scheduled for Spring 2022. The three changes together would not necessarily have to be part of the routine Release programme.

JR added that currently Xoserve are compiling the ROM (Rough Order of Magnitude) for these changes and the industry would be informed once this had been completed.

Julie Cox (JCx) asked if National Grid believed there would be any efficiencies in delivering the three Gemini impacting changes together in one Release. JR confirmed that there would be efficiencies by collating the changes into one Release as well as delivering economies of scale.

1.3. Review of Outstanding Actions

0601: Existing Contracts: It was agreed that PL will quantify the amount of Existing Contracts Capacity at the Bacton ASEP.

Update: EF noted this Action would be considered within Workgroup 0761.

0603: *Overrun Reporting* - To check the commercial sensitivity to provide the types of points where the overruns occur e.g. IPs; Storage.

Update: EF noted this Action would be considered within Workgroup 0705R.

1.4. Ofgem Industry Update

Max Lambert (ML) provided an overview of the Ofgem Industry update published on the meeting page: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/tx/010721>

ML also advised that Ofgem's decision on the Capacity Methodology Statements and Capacity Release Methodology Statements held by National Grid, had been published on:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/decision-capacity-methodology-statements-and-capacity-release-methodology-statements-held-national-grid-gas-plc>

Sinead Obeng (SO) asked whether there was an update from Ofgem on the outcome of the consultation on Bacton Baseline Arrangement. ML advised this was still being reviewed by Ofgem and he would provide an update if there had been any progress.

1.5. Pre-Modification discussions

1.5.1. Transporting Britain's Energy Consultation Amendments

Ash Adams (AA) introduced a pre-modification seeking to remove the obligation detailed in UNC TPD Section O for National Grid NTS to conduct the Transporting Britain's Energy (TBE) consultation process in January of each year and instead permit them to issue the consultation once per year on a discretionary basis, providing an appropriate period of notice is given to Users.

AA noted National Grid are proposing to submit the Modification to be raised at the July UNC Modification Panel and report back to the Panel in September.

Rebecca Hailes (RH) asked how the proposal would impact the 10 Year Statement process. AA explained that the details collected through the TBE consultation feed into the Gas 10-Year Statement. However, he noted that the information can also be collected through the FES (Future Energy Scenarios) process, which is also more accurate and up to date.

AA noted he could gather further information for discussion at the first Workgroup meeting. RH agreed and advised that the Workgroup would be reassured to know what interaction, if any

there was between the TBE consultation process and the Gas Statement and if any consequential changes would be necessary as a result of the proposed Modification. AA confirmed he would gather further clarification for the Workgroup discussions.

RH asked if there would be any changes to the UNC referencing the FES process. AA advised there would be no such changes as this Modification is only proposing to amend the TBE process.

JCx asked if there would be any impact on the FES process from the separation of the Electricity System Operator (ES) and National Grid. AA noted the FES process would continue as BAU and whilst there were some commercial factors to consider, both National Grid and the ESO would aim to deliver a solution which would be beneficial for the industry.

Phil Hobbins (PH) added that the National Grid contracts the ESO at present to gather the FES data and National Grid will have different processes in place for the future.

2. European Codes Update

Phil Hobbins (PH) advised there were no updates for the European Codes.

3. Workgroups

3.1 0705R – NTS Capacity Access Review

(Report to Panel by 21 October 2021)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0705

3.2 0761 - Arrangements for Interconnectors with additional Storage capability

(Report to Panel 16 September 2021)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0761

3.3 0771S – Removal of the absolute requirement to include a Remotely Operable Valve (ROV) Installation for all new NTS Entry connections

(Report to Panel 21 October 2021)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0771

3.4 0772S – Transparency Improvements to the Process for Changing Gas Quality Limits in NTS Connection Agreements

(Report to Panel 16 September 2021)

www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0761

4. GS(M)R Review

No updates for this month.

5. Issues

No issues were raised.

6. Any Other Business

None.

7. Diary Planning

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10:00 Thursday 05 August 2021	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 02 September 2021	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 07 October 2021	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda

10:00 Thursday 04 November 2021	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda
10:00 Thursday 02 December 2021	Microsoft Teams	Standard Transmission Workgroup Agenda

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**NC Workgroup 0705R Minutes
NTS Capacity Access Review
10:00 Thursday 03 June 2021
via Microsoft Teams**

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1. Introduction and Status Review

Eric Fowler (EF) welcomed all to the meeting.

1.1. Approval of minutes (03 June 2021)

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

1.2. Approval of Late Papers

Amended papers submitted on the day of the meeting were approved.

1.3. Review of outstanding actions

0601: User Commitment for capacity within baseline (ECPG) - Ofgem (ML) to confirm if Ofgem can provide a summary statement in terms of transparency with the monitoring process

Update: Max Lambert (ML) advised that if the Capacity Guidance were not suitable, the Standard Licence Conditions would allow Ofgem to change them as required. ML assured the Workgroup Ofgem would keep the monitoring process transparent and inform the industry of any changes being made. **Closed**

0602: Flow Swap vs the 'new process name': National Grid (JR) to provide a graphical diagram setting out how the direct connects would interact.

Update: This is to be covered below. **Closed.**

0603: (Transferred from TWG minutes for 03 June 2021) National Grid (ASt) to confirm what mandatory parameters are being implemented as part of Modification 0745S – Mandatory Setting of Bid Parameters.

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2. Review of Exit Regime

Movement of capacity between offtakes

Jen Randall (JR) provided an update on the movement of Capacity between exit points, highlighting that National Grid had carried out an exercise to review all the NTS offtakes and associated them to LDZs to illustrate that a Shipper active on any of these sites could move sites within the same LDZ.

Please see published papers on the meeting page for detailed information.

The Workgroup reviewed the information provided by National Grid. The key points of discussion are noted below:

- Some discrepancies were identified in the list compiled by National Grid. JR acknowledged this was the result of a preliminary review and would need to be revised.
- Anna Stankiewicz (ASt) noted a process would be required if this was to be progressed further.
- Julie Cox (JCx) noted that it was useful for individual parties to see if there was more than one offtake within the same LDZ.

JR noted that there were no guarantees that there would be 1 to 1 exchanges within the same LDZ. JCx advised that to progress this, it would be necessary to limit sites that were close but not necessarily within the same LDZ, noting that it would be a challenge to do so.

- Lauren Jauss (LJ) asked if there were specific timescales for moving between exit points. JR explained movement would be allowed for the duration of any capacity holding, whether it was an enduring or an annual product.
- Nick Wye (NW) agreed with JCx and noted that whilst he appreciated the view National Grid had presented, he believed it was more important to move capacity outside the LDZs, particularly when there was a 1 to 1 relationship. He noted anything else would not be beneficial for any parties who were not a DNO (Distribution Network Operator).
- JCx asked how this would link with substitution exchange rate. ASt explained that there would be some implications and that adding a cap could be an option, but further consideration would be required. JR agreed with this view.
- JCx asked whether this would be managed within the process or whether a Modification would be required to amend the code. JR advised that this could be considered at a later date.
- JCx was concerned that the proposal is setting up arrangements beneficial to DNOs, who are only a subset of customers, which the other customers would not have the opportunity to use and which the industry would not be able to modify as the arrangements would not be enshrined in the UNC.
- The Workgroup asked Ofgem to provide their view on the proposal. Max Lambert (ML) noted this was still in early stages of development but noted it was linked with some other work Ofgem had been carrying out and that Ofgem would liaise with National Grid on the processes going forward.
- EF noted that the concerns raised by the Workgroup could be delved into at a deeper level when developing the Workgroup Report.

Overruns

- ASt presented an overview of Overruns. Please see the published papers on the meeting page for detailed information.

- Emma Buckton (EB) asked whether the adjustments mentioned because of errors had been corrected. ASt confirmed this.
- Bethan Winter (BW) noted that as a result of lack of accurate information, it is not a level playing field for all industry participants. EF agreed with this view and suggested it could be considered due discrimination.
- NW noted a review was required as the volume and costs of overruns have increased in the new charging regime.
- JR advised that as part of Modification 0761, a review of the charging regime was due to take place around September 2021. NW noted this and suggested the industry should be preparing for this now.
- JR added as part of the review if a new Modification was required, it would be raised separately to amend the multiplier.
- NW suggested a further investigation was required to identify why overruns were happening.
- EF noted this and advised a placeholder to review overruns would be kept on the agenda. Rebecca Hailes (RH) added that the reasons for benefits of exits could be collated as part of this review.
- ASt noted that National Grid had been reviewing other factors such as tolerance and scheduling charges and would bring these to the Workgroup to aid discussions.

New Action 0701: National Grid (ASt) to present a detailed review of overruns for the Workgroup.

- LJ suggested that it would be useful to understand what costs were associated with overruns and this insight would be useful as part of the review. ASt noted that some analysis had already been carried out for this to support Modification 0761 and she could provide this to the Workgroup.

New Action 0702: National Grid (ASt) to provide analysis (including driver for charges feeding into overruns) to the Workgroup for review.

Products

- JR presented an overview of products including CAM Code and Domestic Capacity auction.
- The Workgroup discussed these and felt that a lack of activity on some of these products were because of Ofgem's steer previously.
- The Workgroup requested Ofgem's current views. ML noted he was unable to provide a view on the products immediately but advised he would discuss the progression of the product options with National Grid offline to review the appetite to move away from the single regime.

New Action 0703: National Grid (JR) to discuss moving away from a single regime with Ofgem to see how the product options could be progressed.

- The Workgroup discussed the options and how they could be progressed in the light of the transition of the energy market.
- Chris Wright (CW) noted that the gas network was due to change dramatically, which would result in parties wanting certainties about long term entry capacity bookings. JR noted this view.

3. Review of Overrun Multiplier

As above.

4. Next Steps

EF confirmed that more detail will be provided Movement of Capacity, Overruns and Products at the next Workgroup meeting.

5. Any Other Business

No items required discussion.

6. Diary Planning

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UNC Workgroup 0761 Minutes
Arrangements for Interconnectors with additional Storage capability
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1.3. Review of outstanding actions

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Update: Phil Lucas (PL) presented an update on this action. Please see the published paper on the meeting page for detailed information.

The Workgroup discussed the data presented and agreed the action could be closed. **Closed**

0602: Additional Storage Entry Overrun: National Grid (PL) to consider limiting the storage allocation to the Storage Capacity i.e. the lower of (a) sum of IO specified storage capacity; and (b) IP Available Capacity excluding Existing Contracts in order to avoid need for additional storage overrun.

Update: PL presented an update on this action. Please see the published paper on the meeting page for detailed information.

Nick Wye (NW) noted that it would allow interconnectors to eat into capacity. PL advised this would be offered where there was sufficient additional capacity for storage. **Closed**

0603: Point Definition: National Grid (PL) to consider the definition of a new multi-purpose point (as opposed to refining the existing Storage Facility definition).

Update: PL advised National Grid is seeking legal advice on this topic. **Carried Forward.**

0604: Point Definition: Review TPD Section R: Storage to identify if any further changes are required.

Update: PL advised National Grid is seeking legal advice on this topic. **Carried Forward.**

0605: Point Definition: Nation Grid (PL) to advise if the storage aspect of the Interconnector would be available for use by National Grid to support Operating Margins arrangements. (TPD K)

Update: PL advised that in terms of criteria when assessing operating margins, it would be necessary for the storage aspect of the Interconnector to be available. Please see the published paper on the meeting page for detailed information. **Carried Forward.**

0606: Point Definition: Joint Office to include this issue on the next NTSTCMF agenda:

Consider: The impact on the Forecasted Contracted Capacity (FCC) Methodology in the event that Proposal 0761 is directed for implementation. Any additional Storage discounts applied as a consequence of this change would impact the process to determine capacity Reserve Prices and may necessitate revision of the FCC Methodology – refer to material presented to Workgroup 0761 on 03 June 2021.

Update: RH noted the Joint Office would ensure this was completed. *Post meeting update: the action has been added to the NTSCMF agenda for 06 July 2021.* **Closed.**

0607: Allocations: National Grid (PL) to investigate what measurement/allocation information is currently published on MIPI in respect of storage points.

Update: PL provided this information. Please see the published paper on the meeting page for detailed information. **Closed.**

Update on Action 0501: National Grid (PL) to evaluate the compliance with Gas Act Section 6A and consider the exceptions.

PL noted there was a follow up question on Action 0501.

Richard Fairholme (RF) asked if there were any constraints introduced as a result of the Gas Exemptions Order. Andrew Blair (AB) advised the Gas Exemptions Order would not apply. AB and RF discussed licensed activities related to gas storage and the legality of what this modification is proposing. EF asked whether this discussion was relevant. RF advised it was necessary and relevant to discuss this, adding that a steer from Ofgem was also necessary.

EF suggested Ofgem most likely did not want to fetter their discretion. Max Lambert (ML) confirmed this view. EF noted that it may not be possible to resolve this discussion as there were contradictory views.

Julie Cox (JCx) noted that Ofgem should be cognizant of issues having been identified that needed to be resolved before the Workgroup Report was developed and agreed that an early steer from Ofgem was necessary.

The Workgroup discussed how to progress this and agreed that whilst the Workgroup could not comment on the legalities of the modification or stop it from being progressed, the Proposer (PL) of the modification should seek advice from Ofgem for clarity on whether the modification should proceed.

<p>New Action 0701: National Grid (PL) to request a formal view from Ofgem on whether a licenced Interconnector is prohibited from undertaking the role of a Gas Storage facility, as defined under the Gas Act and associated Exemption Orders.</p>

2.0 Review Amended Modification

PL presented an amended modification and carried out a walkthrough of the amendments with the Workgroup.

Any further suggested amendments were captured as an amended modification.

3.0 Develop Workgroup Report

EF proposed a review of the Workgroup Report.

The Workgroup reviewed the modification's compliance with the Relevant Objectives.

All Workgroup discussions were captured in the Workgroup Report.

Rebecca Hailes (RH) asked if there was any additional analysis required to support this Modification.

JCx noted a review of security of supply may be relevant as peak Interconnector would be expected to pay an Interconnector role rather than storage.

NW suggested this would be difficult to quantify and highlighted the analysis provided for Modification 0727 may be relevant and suggested it should be reviewed by the Workgroup.

4.0 Next Steps

EF confirmed:

- A rough draft of the Workgroup Report would be presented next month for a further review and to review the charging objectives.

PL confirmed:

- The ROM (Rough Order of Magnitude) had been raised and could also be reviewed.
- If the Workgroup was satisfied with the solution, National Grid would instruct the legal text to be drafted.

5.0 Any Other Business

None.

6.0 Diary Planning

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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 21 October 2021.

1.0 Outline of Modification

Eric Fowler (EF) welcomed all to the meeting and invited the Proposer to outline the modification.

Rachel Hinsley (RHi) introduced the modification and explained it is proposing to remove the absolute requirement for every new NTS Entry connection to include a Remotely Operable Valve (ROV) Installation.

RHi asked the Workgroup to consider:

- Whether any additional information was required to support this Modification.
- Whether the Modification should follow Self-Governance procedures.

The Workgroup discussed the above points and agreed that they had not identified any additional information required to support the modification. The Workgroup also did not raise any concerns about the modification following Self-Governance procedures.

Rebecca Hailes (RH) asked if National Grid had raised a similar Modification previously. RHi confirmed that Modification 0627S - *Removal of the absolute requirement to include a Remotely Operable Valve (ROV) Installation for all new NTS Exit connections* had been a mirror of this proposal and had followed Self-Governance procedures.

RH advised that this Modification should therefore follow the same governance procedure as Modification 0627S.

RHi also noted that this Modification would not result in any system changes and that she would bring the Legal Text for the Modification for review at the August Workgroup.

2.0 Initial Discussion

2.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

None raised.

2.2. Initial Representations

None received.

2.3. Terms of Reference

The standard UNC Workgroup Terms of Reference will apply and is available at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/mods

3.0 Next Steps

EF confirmed:

- The Workgroup Report would be submitted to Panel in October or sooner if completed.
- The Workgroup would bring any further questions for RHi to the next meeting.
- RHi would submit the Legal Text for review at the next meeting.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

Further details of planned meetings are available at: www.gasgovernance.co.uk/events-calendar/month

Workgroup meetings will take place as follows:

Time / Date	Paper Publication Deadline	Venue	Programme
10:00 Thursday 05 August 2021	5pm 28 July 2021	Via Microsoft Teams	Detail planned agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Relevant Objectives • Consideration of Legal Text • Development of Workgroup Report

Action Table (as at 01 July 2021)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
			None		

UNC Workgroup 0772S Minutes
Transparency Improvements to the Process for
Changing Gas Quality Limits in NTS Connection Agreements
Thursday 01 July 2021
via Microsoft Teams

Attendees		
Eric Fowler (Chair)	(EF)	Joint Office
Maitrayee Bhowmick-Jewkes (Secretary)	(MBJ)	Joint Office
Adam Bates	(ABa)	South Hook Gas Ltd
Alex Nield	(AN)	Storengy
Andrew Blair	(AB)	Interconnector UK
Angus Paxton	(AP)	Afry
Anna Shrigley	(AS)	ENI
Anna Stankiewicz	(ASt)	National Grid
Ashley Adams	(AA)	National Grid
Bethan Winter	(BW)	Wales & West Utilities
Carlos Aguirre	(CA)	Pavilion
Chris Wright	(CW)	ExxonMobil
Christiane Sykes	(CS)	Shell (0705R only)
Daniel Hisgett	(DHi)	National Grid
Emma Buckton	(EB)	Northern Gas Networks
Hannah Reddy	(HR)	Correla on behalf of Xoserve
Henk Kreuze	(HK)	Vermilion
Jeff Chandler	(JCh)	SSE
Jennifer Randall	(JR)	National Grid
Julie Cox	(JCx)	Energy UK
Kamila Nugumanova	(KM)	ESB
Kamla Rhodes	(KR)	ConocoPhillips
Lauren Jauss	(LJ)	RWE
Lucy Manning	(LM)	Grain LNG
Max Lambert	(ML)	Ofgem
Phil Hobbins	(PH)	National Grid
Phil Lucas	(PL)	National Grid
Rachel Hinsley	(RHi)	National Grid (0771S only)
Rebecca Hailes	(RH)	Joint Office
Richard Fairholme	(RF)	Uniper
Ritchard Hewitt	(RHe)	Hewitt Home and Energy Solutions
Rudi Streuper	(RS)	BBL Company
Samuel Dunn	(SD)	Interconnector UK
Shiv Singh	(SS)	Cadent
Sinead Obeng	(SO)	Gazprom

Steven Britton	(SB)	Cornwall Insight
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The Workgroup Report is due to be presented at the UNC Modification Panel by 16 September 2021.

1.0 Outline of Modification

Eric Fowler (EF) welcomed all to the meeting and invited the Proposer to outline the modification.

Ashley Adams (AA) presented the modification and explained the proposal seeks to improve the transparency of an existing process for facilitating gas quality limit changes to NTS connection agreements. Where National Grid NTS elects to enable such a change via the consent of all Users holding NTS Entry Capacity at the relevant ASEP, wider engagement with industry would be required prior to the contractual change being made.

Please see the published slides for detailed information.

The Workgroup considered the questions set by Panel:

1. A suitable process by which to notify the industry of the proposed change, engagement window period and objection process is needed.

AA suggested that ENA (Energy Networks Association) or the Joint Office would carry out the engagement with the industry.

Richard Fairholme (RF) stated that he would prefer the Joint Office rather than ENA to be tasked with this role. The Workgroup agreed with this view. AA accepted this suggestion and noted that the Joint Office's distribution list was sufficiently broad to allow optimal engagement with the industry.

JCx highlighted there were also a number of trade bodies such as ICoSS who represented large customers who would need to be included in any engagement, and who were already on the Joint Office's distribution list.

Rebecca Hailes (RH) noted that the proposed process had parallels with the Measurement Error Report (MER) process that the Joint Office currently carries out and asked AA to review the MER process. Please see the Measurement Error Guidelines at: <https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/sites/default/files/ggf/Measurement%20Error%20Notification%20Guidelines%20v4.pdf>

RH noted that the MER process was prescribed in the UNC. She advised that the solution for this Modification would have to ensure this process was embedded into the UNC, directing the Joint Office to administer the process.

New Action 0701: AA to investigate the MER process as a potential model to use for the process Modification 0772 is seeking to introduce.

However, RH added that before the Joint Office was tasked with the role of administering this process on behalf of National Grid, the Joint Office and its stakeholders would need to consider whether they would accept the role.

JCx asked whether the Joint Office was bound by the UNC. RH explained that as an agent of the Transporters, the Joint Office, and in the future 'NewCo', were bound by the UNC.

New Action 0702: AA to liaise with the Joint Office to review the distribution list they hold and review whether this would allow for a sufficiently wide approach for engagement.

2. Consider whether this Modification should be subject to Self-Governance

AA asked the Workgroup to consider Self-Governance, highlighting that this Modification was essentially expanding a process that was already in place. He suggested that it was essentially an enabling Modification which was enhancing a process rather than creating a new one. The Workgroup accepted this view.

The Workgroup also considered the following points:

- Analysis: AA asked the Workgroup whether there was any analysis they would like to review in support of this Modification. He noted that a minimum amount of analysis would be provided as due course, and anything additional would be provided as required.

New Action 0703: AA to provide analysis to support the Modification.

- 10 day consultation period: AA noted the proposed consultation period for the industry to review the change and provide their views was 10 days and that allowing the consultation period to be longer would hinder this enabling Modification.

AA added that National Grid had discussed this internally and were proposing to proceed with the 10 day consultation period unless the Workgroup had any objections. Without any objections from the Workgroup, EF confirmed the consultation period would be for 10 days.

- Who can object: AA asked whether any stakeholder or only Users could object to the proposed process. AA suggested keeping this broad to allow sufficient engagement with the industry. EF and the Workgroup agreed with this view.

2.0 Initial Discussion

2.1. Issues and Questions from Panel

As above.

2.2. Initial Representations

None received.

2.3. Terms of Reference

As matters have been referred from Panel specific Terms of Reference will be published alongside the Modification at www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0772.

3.0 Next Steps

EF confirmed:

- The Workgroup would review the analysis to support the Modification AA will provide at the next meeting.
- The Workgroup Report would be developed.

4.0 Any Other Business

None.

5.0 Diary Planning

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10:00 Thursday 05 August 2021	5pm 28 July 2021	Microsoft Teams	Detail planned agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts • Consideration of Legal Text • Development of Workgroup Report

Action Table (as at 01 July 2021)

Action Ref	Meeting Date	Minute Ref	Action	Owner	Status Update
0701	01/07/21	1.0	National Grid (AA) to investigate the MER process as a potential model to use for the process Modification 0772 is seeking to introduce.	National Grid (AA)	Pending
0702	01/07/21	1.0	National Grid (AA) to liaise with the Joint Office to review the distribution list they hold and review whether this would allow for a sufficiently wide approach for engagement.	National Grid (AA)	Pending
0703	01/07/21	1.0	National Grid (AA) to provide analysis to support the Modification.	National Grid (AA)	Pending